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SUBJECT: STATIONING VIENTIANE DEPENDENTS IN BANGKOK

REF: A) STATE 184750; B) 76, VIENTIANE 1723

1. AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE'S PROPOSAL ON ACCREDITING MARRIED VIENTIANE APERSONNEL ADDITIONALLY IN THAILAND SO THAT THEIR DEPENDENTS CAN RESIDE IN THAILAND MAKES SENSE TO ME.

2. IF THE LAO RAISE THE QUESTION OF DOUBLE ACCREDITATION WITH US, I THINK WE COULD PROBABLY SATISFY THEM WITH THE EXPLANATION SUGGESTED IN REF A, PARA 2.

3. WE ESTIMATE THAT THREE OR FOUR AMERICAN PERSONNEL HERE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING THEIR DEPENDENTS IN BANGKOK SAFE HAVEN.

4. THE SUGGESTION IN PARA 5, REF A, THAT WE MIGHT INTRODUCE DEPENDENTS INTO VIENTIANE ON 15-DAY VISAS AND THEN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND THESE VISAS SUBSEQUENTLY IS ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRELY. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, MFA CHEF DE CABINET SOUBANH (REF B), WHEN HE GAVE US THE FIRST SIGNAL THAT THE LPDR WAS GOING TO CUT DOWN OUR AMERICAN PERSONNEL, MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE LPDR WAS TAKING THE STEP BECAUSE WE HAD "NOTHING FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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LAOS." IF IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY CHANGE IN THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE SITUATION WE ATTEMPT THE GAMBIT MENTIONED IN PARA 5, REF A, WE WILL BE ASKING FOR TROUBLE. I WOULD EXPECT THIS TROUBLE WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED BY THE LPDR AT THIS EMBASSY.

5. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT THE INITIAL DECISION TO REMOVE DEPENDENTS FROM VIENTIANE WAS MADE NOT BY THE LAO BUT BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE MY ARRIVAL HERE. NOTHING HAS HAPPENED SINCE MY ARRIVAL IN REGARD TO MEDICAL OR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES OR HARASSMENT OF FOREIGNERS WHICH WOULD LEAD ME TO RECOMMEND A REVERSAL OF DEPARTMENT'S 1975 DECISION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE HAD THREE WORKING WIVES AT VARIOUS TIMES OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND THAT ARRANGEMENT WORKED OUT VERY WELL IN EVERY CASE.
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